

DATE: December 9, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Pet Carousel Recall

**SUGGESTED
ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Pig Ears and Beef Hooves pet treats due to Salmonella;
Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The products were distributed nationwide in both bulk and retail packaging for sale in pet food and retail chain stores throughout the country. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Pet Carousel Conducts Nationwide Recall of Beef Hoof Products and Pig Ears Because of Salmonella Risk

Company Contact:
Pet Carousel, Inc
800-231-3572

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 9, 2009 – Sanger, CA-- Pet Carousel has initiated a recall of all Pig Ears and all varieties of Beef Hoof pet treats because the products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The problem was discovered after FDA testing found positive results for *Salmonella* in pig ears and beef hoof products.

These products were recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* can affect both humans and animals. People handling dry pet food and/or pet treats can become infected with *Salmonella*, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the treats or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with *Salmonella* may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Although rare, *Salmonella* can result in more serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart), arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their health care provider immediately. Pets with *Salmonella* infections may become lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets may only experience a decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected, but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed any of the affected products or is experiencing any of these symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately.

The following products have been recalled: The affected pig ear products were packaged under the brand names Doggie Delight, Pork Tasteez and Pet Carousel
Item No.:

- 18100-P Bulk
- 18016-P 10-pk red mesh bag
- 18120-P 20-pk red mesh bag.

The affected beef hooves were packaged under the brand names Choo Hooves, Dentley's, Doggie Delight, and Pet Carousel
Item No.:

- 1506-K 5 lb. bulk
- 1507-K 10 lb. bulk
- 1520-K 20 lb. bulk
- 12125-T 10-pk vinyl bag
- 12110-T 10-pk, vinyl bag
- 12111-T 10-pk, vinyl bag
- 12122-T 10 lb., bulk
- 1503-K 3-pk, vinyl bag
- 1510-K 10-pk, vinyl bag
- 1405-S 5 lb., bulk

- 1408-S 10-pk, vinyl bag
- 1410-S 10 lb., bulk
- 1420-S 20 lb., bulk
- 90058-H Cheese/& Bacon Stuffed Hoof, bulk
- 90056-H Peanut Butter Stuffed Hoof, bulk
- 17005-R Rope toy with Hooves.

The products were distributed nationwide in both bulk and retail packaging for sale in pet food and retail chain stores throughout the country. All sizes and all lots of these pork ears purchased on or after 08/16/2009 and all beef hoof products in all varieties purchased on or after 09/16/2009 made by Pet Carousel are included in this alert.

Pet Carousel has completed notifying its consignees and requested the consignees return affected products and remove them from retail sales. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for public safety, Pet Carousel is issuing this press release to inform consumers of potential risks and to ensure that all affected product has either been returned or otherwise removed from use.

Consumers who have purchased the products described above should cease use and return the product to their place of purchase. Additionally, consumers with questions may contact Pet Carousel at 800-231-3572 from 8:00am to 4:00pm PST.

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